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This is close to journal, but by default newer features come by default.

**Thread** Research thread or special issue

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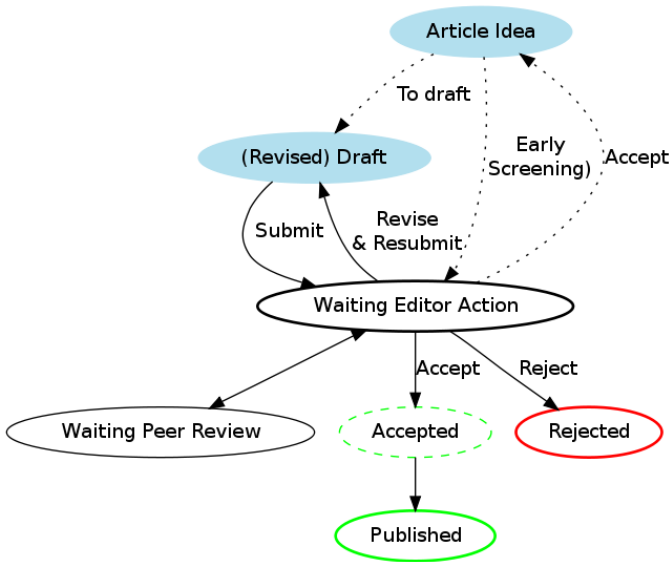
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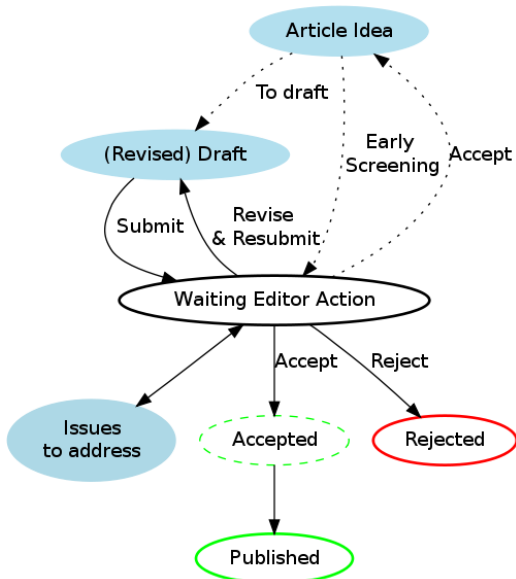
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15	autobuilds - testing env	Functionality	Problem	Medium	—		Unconfirmed
14	Implementing auto-builds for dev/testing/live	Functionality	Feature	Medium	—		Unconfirmed
11	Distribution of products	Procedures	Feature	Medium	Juan Grigera		Unconfirmed
8	Autonomeia Minor Composition	Hosting Projects	Feature	Medium	Toni Prug		Unconfirmed
6	Add twitter back	Functionality	Feature	Low	Toni Prug		Unconfirmed
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